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To : Mr. Souter

The 1935 directory of the Reich Ministry of Justice listed the capacity of Spandau as " 469 men ". The 1942 directory gave the capacity as 518. In 1946 between six and seven hundred prisoners were moved out of this institution, in order that it might be prepared for its present function. The staff was set up sometime prior to December, 1946, and between that time and the second or third week in July 1947, they "prepared for the prisoners".

Spandau is a typical German prison, and was constructed in the latter part of the 19th century. There is a 12 foot brick wall enclosing an area of some 15 to 18 acres. The prison entrance has a sally port. The prison itself is a T shape structure of red brick. In addition to it, there

are a number of smaller buildings enclosing the power plant, and at least five yards, one of which is at the rear of the prison, and is quite large.

There are eight gun towers on the walls, which are entered from the inside, by means of ladders, which are drawn up. There is a charged wire fence, enclosing the entire institution, which is electrified during the night, or hours of darkness.

In the front of the institution proper, there are several buildings, which formerly were occupied as residences by the prison warden, and members of his staff. British troops are garrisoned in an establishment adjacent to the prison grounds.

It is very difficult to determine accurately the number of personnel assigned to this institution, because there is no uniformity as to the number of outside guards.

The U.S. complement consist of from

two to four officers and seventy-five to one hundred men. BIA5

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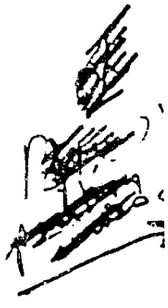

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The seven prisoners range in age from 42 to 76.

They are as follows:

Name	Age	Sentence
Baldur von Schirach	42	20 years imprisonment
Albert Speer	44	20 years imprisonment
Rudolf Hess	55	Imprisonment for life
Karl Donitz	58	10 years imprisonment
Walter Funk	59	Imprisonment for life
Erich Raedor	73	Imprisonment for life
Constantin von Neurath	76	15 years imprisonment

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Within the past few months, there was an illustrated story in one of the German magazines (Heute), which included pictures of Spandau prisoners in this recreation yard.

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